

JESUS WORTH FOLLOWING

People who were nothing like Jesus liked Jesus and he liked them back.

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What was true of Jesus personally should be true of us collectively.

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Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them.

Doesn't he leave the ninetynine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home.

Luke 15:5-6

Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

When we lose something of value, we focus on what's lost to the neglect of what's un-lost.

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. Luke 15:7

Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one.

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And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me;; I have found my lost coin.' Luke 15:8

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The son was gone relationally long before he left home.

Disconnected

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Lost

So he got up and went to his father.

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But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him;

he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The father desired a relationship and a connection.

The son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

Luke 15:21-24

The gravitational pull of the local church is always toward the paying customer.

Let's continue to be a group of Jesus followers who, just like our Heaven Father, are focused on the road.

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